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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : LIGHTED VEHICULAR EXTERIOR
REARVIEW MIRROR SYSTEM

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 of co-pending application Serial No. 10/190,840, filed July 8, 2002, by Todd W. Pastrick, Michiel P. van de Ven, Peter J. Whitehead, Rick Mousseau, and Dr. Niall R. Lynam, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,685,348, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,416,208, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,276,821, which is a continuation-in-part of Pat. No. 6,176,602, which is a continuation-in-part of Pat. No. 5,863,116, which is a continuation of Pat. No. 5,669,705, which is a continuation of Pat. No. 5,497,305, which is a continuation of Pat. No. 5,371,659. The great-great-grandparent application, Patent No. 6,176,602, is additionally a continuation-in-part of Patent No. 5,823,654, which is a continuation-in-part of Patent No. 5,669,704, which is a continuation of Patent No. 5,497,306, which is a continuation-in-part of application Patent No. 5,497,305, which is a continuation of Pat. No. 5,371,659.

1. Copy of Application Which is Attached

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified prior specification, including the Declaration as originally filed (37 CFR 1.53) and, further, including updated patent information for various referenced applications throughout the application as well as an updated continuation data statement.

The application also includes new Claims 1-93. No new matter has been entered.

The application includes 44 pages of specification, 15 pages of claims (93 claims), 1 page of Abstract, 22 sheets of drawings, and signed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

2. Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form

A copy of the Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form is enclosed.

3. Amendments

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed amending the title and Abstract.

4. Filing Fee and Calculation

Basic Fee	\$ 770.00
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Additional Fees

Each independent claim in excess of three, times \$86.00	\$ 86.00
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Number of claims in excess of twenty, times \$18.00	\$1,314.00
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Filing multiple dependent claims per application \$290.00	\$.00
Total Filing Fee	<u>\$2,170.00</u>

A check in the amount of \$2,170.00 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment and additionally is authorized to charge the following fees during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0190. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

- a) Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims for which full payment has not been tendered.
- b) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 for which full payment has not been tendered.

5. Drawings

Twenty-two (22) sheets of formal drawings are enclosed (in duplicate) and are copies of those filed in the parent application.

6. Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully request that information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 09/866,398 be considered in the present application.

7. Inventorship Statement

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120, the inventors in this application are the same, namely, Kenneth Schofield, Frank O'Brien, Robert L. Bingle, and Niall R. Lynam.

8. Assignment

The prior application is assigned to Donnelly Corporation, a corporation of the State of Michigan, located and doing business at 414 East Fortieth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423. That Assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 20, 1999, at Reel 010181, Frame 0374.

9. Power of Attorney

The original Power of Attorney in the parent application Serial No. 09/335,010 is to Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart, LLP and the individual attorneys and agents at said address, consisting of Daniel Van Dyke, Reg. No. 25 046; Donald S. Gardner, Reg. No. 25 975; Terence J. Linn, Reg. No. 30 283; Frederick S. Burkhart, Reg. No. 29 288; Catherine S. Collins, Reg. No. 37 599; add Matthew L. Goska, Reg. No. 42 594; Anthony A. Bisulca, Reg. No. 40 913; and Timothy A. Flory, Reg. No. 42 540.

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10. Verification

I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

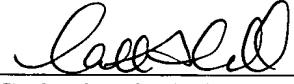
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